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SUBJECT: JAPAN'S ASPIRATIONS FOR PERMANENT SC SEAT

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1. COUNSELOR KURIYAMA OF JAPANESE EMBASSY AT HIS REQUEST CALLED APRIL 15 ON DEPUTY ASST SECRETARY BAKER TO DISCUSS JAPAN'S ASPIRATIONS FOR PERMANENT SC SEAT. AFTER EXPRESSING JAPAN'S APPRECIATION OF THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT REAFFIRMATION OF US SUPPORT OF PERMANENT SEAT FOR JAPAN, HE SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED SEEK OUR VIEWS REGARDING STRATEGY TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE. JAPANESE HAD, OF COURSE, BEEN CONSIDERING THIS PROBLEM FOR SOME TIME BUT IT WAS ESSENTIAL THEY KNOW OUR VIEWS, AND WHETHER WE HAD HAD ANY NEW IDEAS ON TACTICS SINCE ISSUANCE JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT TIME OF FUKUDA VISIT. JAPANESE FULLY AWARE US OPPOSES
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ANY EFFORT AT OVER-ALL REVIEW OF UN CHARTER, BUT WOULD US FIND IT POSSIBLE SUPPORT AD HOC PROPOSAL LIMITED TO SIZE AND COMPOSITION SC?

2. BAKER SAID WE CONTINUE CONSIDER JAPAN FULLY QUALIFIED FOR PERMANENT SC SEAT AND PRESIDENT HAD WISHED REAFFIRM

THIS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED WE HAVE NOT SAID THIS OF ANY

OTHER UN MEMBER NOT CURRENTLY A PERMANENT SC MEMBER.
HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC STRATEGY OR TACTICS FOR
ACHIEVING THIS OBJECTIVE TO SUGGEST. WE CONTINUE THINK
JAPAN MUST TAKE LEAD IN THIS, WITH OUR SUPPORT AS
FEASIBLE AND USEFUL. WHILE WE ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF ANY
EFFORT AT OVER-ALL REVIEW OF UN CHARTER, WE ARE PREPARED
TO CONSIDER ITS AMENDMENT ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.
HOWEVER OUR REACTION IN ANY GIVEN CASE WOULD DEPEND ON
SPECIFIC PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD. WE DO NOT WISH TO SEE
ANY SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN SIZE OF SC AND THIS
OBVIOUSLY ONE OF PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING PERMANENT SEAT
FOR JAPAN.

3. COUNSELOR SAID HE WOULD REPORT TO TOKYO AND
EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE FOR CONTINUED CLOSE CONSULTATION
WITH US ON THIS MATTER, IN WHICH MR. BAKER CONCURRED.

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